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## TO ELIMINATE STUDY OF GERMAN

A few days ago the school directors of Speers Borough sent a request to Superintendent Pollock and members of the Charleroi school board "Not to [illegible] German" to the children from Speers who are attending the Charleroi high school.

While the request was prompted by patriotic motives at the same time the members of the local board as well as Superintendent Pollock deemed that the directors of Speers borough were entitled to an explanation as to conditions in the Charleroi high school with reference to instruction in German.

At the beginning of the present term high school pupils desiring to take up the study of a modern language were given French instead of German, as heretofore. However, there were a number of pupils who had already completed a year and in some cases less of German and to deprive them of the privilege of continuing this study for two years, would mean that they would have to take two years in French or some other modern language other than German in order to receive proper credits if they should enter college on their graduation from the local high. The board deemed it best that those who were already taking German be allowed to complete the two year course but allowing no additional pupils to take it up, thus automatically bring the instruction in German to an end in about another year. When this phase of the situation was explained to the directors of the Speers school district they were perfectly satisfied to allow the pupils from that borough, already taking German to continue until they had completed their two year course. All other Charleroi high school pupils, however, wishing to take modern language in the future will have to elect some other study than German.

## HIGH PRICES FOR WOOL ON WATER

It is said by those who are in touch with the situation that when rivermen and owners of steamboats now lying frozen in the river at different points were compelled to scour the country districts for suitable lumber to repair the boats' wheels, that as high as $200 per thousand feet was asked by one man when acquainted with the urgent demands. However as high as $90 was paid for some of the lumber, and it is estimated that each wheel cost approximately $500, all of which are now rebuilt and as good as new.

### GIVEN AN EXTENSION TO REMOVE COFFER DAM

A six months' extension of time has been granted to Capt. W. Harry Brown by the war department, in which to remove the coffer dam around the marine ways now building at the Ancia mines, above Brownsville.

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### BOTH JUDGES ON THE BENCH AT LICENSE COURT

Judges J. A. McIlvaine and James I. Brownson will both sit at license court this year, according to the official notice advertised for license court. The custom has been heretofore for the judges to take turn about. Last year the late Judge Ir[illegible] sat, and the year before Judge [illegible]. This year it will be [illegible] one o'clock on Monday, February 4, immediately after the court has delivered its charge to the grand jury, which also meets on that date.

## WILL SOON OPERATE BIG COKE PLANT

At the big coke plant building at Clairton, seven out of the first ten batteries of ovens have been completed and are now being slowly dried out by the fires that are kept going day and night. The other three batteries in course of construction are expected to be ready for the drying out process within the next two weeks. The drying out of the ovens is of necessity a very slow process, and requires the greatest care that the heat be kept at a low and even temperature. It was hoped to have this part of the plant ready to operate by the first of the present year, but difficulty in getting material and the scarcity of labor has greatly retarded the work, but it is now thought that the first seven batteries will be ready to operate by the first of next April.

The contract has been let to the Rodgers Sand Company to remove a great quantity of earth from the [illegible] er front of the plant to make room for a big concrete retaining wall to protect the banks from the wash of the current during freshets in the river and to provide a landing for the immense fleet of coal craft that will be necessary to keep the ovens provided with fuel.

### SHOWER HELD FOR MRS JOHN MALLORY

A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. H. Austin Stahlman in the Stahlman apartments, Thursday evening in honor to Mrs. Stahlman's sister, Mrs John Mallory, a bride of the Christmas holiday season. Decorations were in pink and blue. Mrs. Mallory was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. A sumptuous luncheon was served by the hostess.

### NEW SCHEDULE IN EFFECT ON THE 13th

The Pennsylvania Railroad has given notice to the public that a new passenger schedule will go into effect on the Monongahela Division on Sunday, the 13th. The anticipated changes in passenger runs were announced in the Mail last week.

The Parle Beaucoupe Club was entertained at the home of Miss Charlotte Clement Thursday evening. Fancy work was the chief diversion of the evening. A lunch was served by the hostess.

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## PUSHING WORK ON NEW RAILROAD

Work on the new Monongahela Southern railroad that will run from Clairton to connect with the Union Railroad at Bull Run in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, which will provide an outlet for the product of the new by-product coke plant now in course of construction at Clairton, has been given a new impetus by the contractors. The Gillespie Construction company. They have begun operations at several points, including Bull Run, Dravosburg and Clairton. Immense steam shovels have opened great gashes in the hills at Bull Run and Dravosburg, the approaches to a long tunnel, the construction of which will demand the best of engineering skill. The construction of the road is expected to require the greater part of the present year. The completion of the road will also place the Clairton Steel plant on the line of the Union Railroad, a Carnegie Steel company subsidiary corporation, a feature that has been under consideration for a number of years.

### Miss Lucie Todd.

Miss Lucie Todd of Brownsville, died in the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburg, Wednesday afternoon, January 9, at 5 o'clock. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Miss Todd, who was in her 52nd year, had been in the hospital for the past six months. She was the daughter of Ewing and Margaret Claybaugh Todd, both deceased, who formerly lived in Brownsville.

The remains were taken to Brownsville where funeral services were held in the First Methodist Episcopal church of which the deceased was a lifelong member. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. Hustead, pastor of the church, and the funeral took place at 2 o'clock with interment in Redstone cemetery.

Miss Todd, with her sister, for many years was engaged in the millinery business in Brownsville. For many years she was accustomed to spending her winters in the south. She was in Pasadena Cal., last September when she was taken ill. Returning she got as far as Pittsburg, where she was unable to continue her journey home, going to the home of her sister. Later she was taken to the West Penn hospital, but gradually declined until her death on Wednesday.

Widely known for her constant thought and affection for others, Miss Todd endeared herself to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances to whom her death comes as a great loss. She is survived by two sisters, Miss Cora Todd, of Brownsville and Mrs. John A. Blake of Pittsburg and three brothers, Samuel C. Todd of Harrisburg, Ewing B. Todd of Charleroi and Henry Todd of Donora.

### AUTO LICENSES EXTENDED TO THE 25th OF JANUARY

The time for using 1917 automobile licenses was on Thursday extended to January 25, by Highway Commissioner O'Neil. The extension is due to the large increase in registration and the congestion on the railroads and in the mails.

## DEPUTY COLLECTORS ARE APPOINTED

The second step in the big income tax drive was taken on Thursday by Internal Revenue Collector C. Gregg Llewellyn, when he announced the names of the successful candidates who have been attending the income tax school in the Federal building at Pittsburg. Next Monday the newly-appointed deputy collectors will be assigned to various counties in the western district of Pennsylvania to assist the taxpayers whose incomes are $3,000 or less who have not filed returns heretofore.

Collector Llewellyn made it plain however that the deputy collectors will not make the returns for the taxpayers. The persons affected by the law must file their returns. It will be the duty of the deputies to give any assistance in completing returns.

The appointments by Collector Llewellyn [illegible] from the western district of the state. Those from Washington county are Thomas H. Ullom and M. J. Zeller, Washington and J. L. Bryant, [illegible].

## TO MAKE SURVEY OF CORN SEED SUPPLY

J. R. McKee, county agriculturist, has returned from State College where he was in attendance at Farmers' Week. Fifty-two farmers from Washington county attended the sessions, which were intensely practical, and very helpful. A conference was held on [illegible] at which a number of important matters were taken up.

One of the things that came in for much discussion was the corn situation. There is a great shortage of seed corn in the state and steps were taken to locate all the available seed that will grow. Northern Pennsylvania is much in need of seed and will have to be supplied from other sections of the state.

Many Washington county farmers are also short on good seed. Mr McKee is anxious to make at once a survey of the seed corn in the county and asks that any farmer who has solid crib corn on hands to communicate immediately with him. The corn does not have to be perfect, but should be good and solid. He will arrange to have it tested and will be in a position of knowing where good seed can be obtained and to be able to assist farmers in getting a supply when needed.

### Mrs. Antonia Riile.

Mrs. Antonia Riile died at the family residence, 225 Fallowfield avenue, Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the 43rd year of her age. Funeral services with High Requiem Mass will be held in Mother of Sorrows church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, interment in Calvary cemetery. She is survived by her husband and eight children. She had been a resident of Charleroi for the past 23 years.

One lot shirts values to $2.00 for 89c at R. O. Vetter's. 176-t1

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### LIEUTENANT DEWAR IS NOW "OVER THERE"

Mrs. Joe Martin of Washington, has received a letter from her brother, Lieutenant Herbert Dewar, saying that he has arrived safely "over there." Lieutenant Dewar, more familiarly known as "Tillie," enlisted in the Dental Reserve Corps and has been assigned to duty with the fighting men in the front of the battle line. Local baseball fans will recall the Doctor as the speedy second baseman on the Monongahela team last summer.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF HOTEL CLERK

Joseph Stacer, for the past six months the clerk at Hotel Charleroi, died very suddenly this morning at 8:35 o'clock at the hotel. The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of M. J. Crowley and is being held pending information from relatives.

Mr. Stacer had been complaining for some time, and since coming to Charleroi from Myersdale, his home, had been under care of physicians at intervals. His general health appeared to be good, and there was nothing in his demeanor that indicated his sudden demise. This morning shortly after 8 o'clock he left the hotel office for the purpose of taking a walk. He started up Fifth street and when he reached the corner at McKean avenue he was seen to reel and fall. Friends rushed to his assistance and carried him back to the hotel, where he died in a few minutes.

Harry Zellars at once telegraphed to the man's mother, Mrs. Mary Stacer at Myersdale, informing her of the death of her son and word is expected this afternoon from his relatives.

The deceased was very popular with the employes and patrons of the hotel and his death comes as quite a shock to them. He has a brother in Homestead and one in Myersdale, as well as his parents, who also live in the latter town.

Relatives are expected this afternoon to take charge of the body.

### METHODIST JUNIORS WIN FROM SINAWA CLUB

The Methodist Juniors won from the Sinawa Club in a fast game of basketball at the high school gymnasium Thursday evening. The lineup:

| Methodist Jrs—15 | | Sinawa Club—7 |
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| Beazell | F | Daniels |
| Owents | F | Steck |
| Hancock | C | Smith |
| Hendershot | G | Riva |
| Province | G | Mathias |

Substitutions, Huribut for Smith, Illig for Huribut, Welch for Province.

### FIRST SEMESTER WILL CLOSE JANUARY 22nd.

The first semester of the Charleroi public schools will close on the 22nd of January and the second semester will open on the 23rd. Term examination began in the grades today, while those in the high school will begin some day next week.

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## MEDICINE PEDDLER FORFEITS DEPOSIT

Chief Pierce A. Wright picked up a [illegible] peddler of medicine in the lower end of town Thursday afternoon, who was peddling from house to house. The Chief was in that section Thursday afternoon when he noticed a man with a suit case going from house to house, evidently selling some goods. When he came out of one house the Chief stepped up to him and asked him what he was doing. The man replied that he was distributing handbills. When the Chief asked to see one the man opened his suit case and showed a bill printed in a foreign tongue. There appeared to be quite a number of the bills packed in the suit case, and the Chief remarked that it was the first time he had ever seen a man carry bills that way before. The man explained by saying that he was very careful in his distribution, that he always left the circulars in the homes, and oftimes handed it to some member of the family. The Chief then asked to see what was under the circulars and when they were removed a quantity of medicine was brought to light, which the man was selling as he went along. "You're pinched," said the Chief, and marched the man to the police station, where he put up a $10 forfeit for his appearance at a hearing to be held Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. As he did not appear the money was forfeited. The man was from Monessen and appeared to have plenty of money, as shown by his bank book, which indicated deposits by the thousands of dollars.

## STRUCK BY TRAIN; DIES FROM INJURIES

Margaret, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. O'Herron of First ward, Monongahela, was struck by the southbound 5 o'clock express on the Monongahela Division at Black Diamond station Thursday evening and received injuries from which she died this morning in the Memorial hospital at Monongahela. The child had been sent to the Chatsaway grocery and was walking along the railroad on the errand, keeping to the outside of the ties on the southbound track. The train passing that point about 5 o'clock came along and although the engineer sounded his whistle, the child apparently did not hear the warning, for she was struck by the pilot of the engine and thrown quite a distance. The little girl was picked up and taken to the home of Mr and Mrs. Harry Reynard nearby and medical aid summoned. Later she was removed to the Memorial hospital, where it was ascertained her skull was fractured and from the effects of which her death occurred.

The condition of Mrs. B. D. Hetrick, who has been quite ill for several days is very encouraging to her friends, as she seems to show improvement from day to day.

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### A MIXED BLESSING

Does crime increase as civilization advances? The optimist—and every normal civilized being is more or less an optimist—will say no. Yet the query is undeniably suggested by the news from the little island of Guam out in the central Pacific which we acquired from Spain, along with a thousand or more other islands, after the war of 1898. Twenty years ago Guam was cursed with Spanish taxes and misrule, but its people were said to be so honest that theft was scarcely known. It is different now. The Guam News Letter of last October, which has just received notice in the metropolitan press, contains two pages filled with the calendar suits brought in the Court of Equity for the collection of debt and the recovery of property. Twenty years ago when a stranger entered a Guam home the women smiled, bowed and disappeared. Now they rightly enjoy more freedom, but the morals of the island are reported to be more lax.

Guam like things American, including the fascinating automobile. It is loyal, subscribing to the first Liberty Loan and the Red Cross fund. But some of its sober citizens, while welcoming the change in general, probably shake their heads regretfully over accompanying developments. Of course civilization blesses, but with freedom comes also opportunity for license, and much depends on the success of self-government in a purely personal sense, self-goverment of the collective and political sort touching only the smaller half of the problem.

### THE WAR'S END.

In the reviews of 1917 and forecasts of the New Year the war and the war's end are naturally the main topics. Only the past is known, but even the veil of the future is partially lifted by indications pointing toward what may be regarded as almost certain. It is almost certain that the war will not end this year, the vague peace propositions coming from a wearied, suffering but still overbearing Germany not being such as the Allies could accept. And even their sincerity is with good reason more than doubted. Secretary Baker recalls that a year ago the Germans "put forth very similar peace rumors." It has long been clear that they did this merely in order to slacken war preparations, and now, with the United States getting ready for war on a great scale, they have the more reason to play the same game.

Few observers expect to see the war end in 1918 and many are of the opinion that it will last at least two years longer. Certainly the United States can hardly put forth its full strength within a shorter time than two years and until it does so the conclusion of the right sort of peace, judging from the indications, will be impossible. At present it looks as if neither Germany nor our allies can win, as if they can hope to do no more than check each other's advance and, as the hope of a German collapse resulting from semi-starvation or an internal revolution has to a certain extent been abandoned it would seem to remain for the armies of America to carry the allied forces to victory. And this, under the circumstances, will take a long time.

### SAVE AND INVEST

John Wesley, the great founder of Methodistism, once said: "Make all you can; save all you can; give all you can."

In the view of the national administration this is the plain duty of every man and woman who is today employed at remunerative tasks in this country.

They are to make all they can—because thus they keep the country prosperous even in war time.

They are to save all they can—because thus they cut down waste and extravagance, which are especially sinful in war time.

And they are to give all they can—give to their government so its armies and navies may be fully equipped and prepared and so that the war may the more speedily be brought to successful conclusion.

One of the ways to give to Uncle Sam is to buy a Thrift Stamp for 25 cents. The next is to buy a War Savings Stamp. And to go on buying them as rapidly as you save the $4.12, $13 or $4.14 or whatever the price may be in the particular month in which the purchase is made.

Save as well as giving, when all is said and done. It is lending to the American government at the very good interest of 4 per cent.

### AS SEEN BY A SOLDIER

"We had intended writing an editorial on what the training course at Camp Sherman is doing for our young men. But Sergeant E. M. Taylor of Cincinnati, Company A, 330th Infantry, saves us the trouble. Sergeant Taylor was an actor before he went to Camp Sherman, two months ago. He is of the type of thousands of young men who make up our National army.

"We asked him the well known question: 'How do you like the army?' and he replied:

"'It has been hard, trying work, and some people may call it dirty work at times, but we are all better men for it. Because we have learned to be thorough, to do the day's work without complaining, to take whatever comes manfully.

"'Dirty work? There is no such thing. That we are learning, too. Work is clean or dirty according to a man's spirit. We are learning that any one can peel potatoes, and wash pots and pans and scrub floors, and dig trenches, and still take the same kind of pride in the job that a man takes in singing a song well or writing a book.

"'It's as a man thinks. Personally I, and others, I know, have tried to keep in mind the thought that whatever the task, we are workers in a great national service. I am trying to feel always that I am a public serveant. Once I used to think that my duty as a citizen was done when I voted. In the army I have learned to see whatever of good or bad I do is for the benefit or injury of the whole cause. I like to believe that this feeling of responsibility will stick with me after I go back to civil life.

"'We are learning to do a job completely and conscientiously. We know that when our barracks floor has specks on it, after being scrubbed a complete job has not been done, because our officers do not hesitate to inform us.

"'Thus, doing a job right is becoming second nature with us. Being conscientious is becoming an automatic function.

"'We are learning discipline and order. We must keep our kits and utensils just so, or we hear from the officers. Order is, therefore, becoming a habit with us. We must wear our clothes neatly, according to regulations. Those of us who are inclined to be slovenly are acquiring neatness as second nature. Cleanliness is compulsory. Peace will return to us millions of men with whom sanitary living is a passion.

"'We pass our evenings in the clean environment of the Y. M. C. A. buildings with their books, magazines and music and clean men. It is true that not all men now in camp passed their evenings just that way in the old days before the war. I believe the habit of clean living and clean thinking surely will stick with most of us after the war."

Sergeant Taylor has covered the subject more completely than we could have done it.—Cincinnati Post.

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The statement of Dr. Engel, Berlin town councillor, that the increase of the illegitimate birth rate to 10 per cent in Prussia is "evidence of the moral heathfulness of the German people" furnishes another interesting indication of the confusion of the Teutonic mind on the subject of morality and religion.

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The Kaiser's ambition revealed in his boast that nothing should happen anywhere in the world without his consent dies very, very hard, but not an atom of breath must be left in it no matter what it may cost a safety-seeking world to kill it.

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A stiff upper lip for America and her allies is the only safe and sane course until Germany sues for peace literally, truly, sincerely, and in becoming humility.

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The eloquence of the oldest inhabitant on the subject of old-fashioned winters has evaporated in the presence of this new-fashioned one of also unlovely sort.

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Some of the naturalized are openly claiming "neutrality," seemingly unaware that neutrality in a nominal American citizen is nothing less than disloyalty.

### Eliminate Little Worries.

When real disaster visits us we always somehow, seem to gain a new courage observes a writer. "It is the little foxes which spoil the vines"—'tis the little or daily fretting which wears away the stone and weakens the structure. The little things of life are not worth worrying about. There are two good reasons for this. One is that if we can remedy these things, and we usually can, we have no right to allow them to spoil our peace or the peace of those who are dear to us.

### First Woman Journalist.

It is said that the first newspaper woman was an American. Mrs. Anne Royall, who was not only the first woman journalist, but the first woman to own and edit a newspaper. It is also curious that she is said to have originated the idea of "interviews." She was born in Maryland in 1789, put her first printing press on Capitol hill in Washington, D. C., and published a small weekly, first called the Washington Paul Pry, and later the Huntress.

### Big Things.

The greatest structure ever raised by the hand of man is the Great Pyramid of Cheops, founded 4,000 years ago, and measuring 746 feet square on the base and 449 feet high. It took 20 years in construction; 100,000 men worked for three months, and, being then relieved, were succeeded by an equally large corps. The massive stones were brought from Arabia, 700 miles away. The cost of the work is estimated at $145,000,000.

### To Remove Grease Spots.

The removal of grease spots from a carpet or rug is not an easy matter. One of the most practical plans is to sprinkle hot cornmeal and whiting over the spots and, leave for two or three days, brush off with a stiff brush and repeat till the spots are gone. Or, if there is not the least danger of fire, the powder may be covered with gasoline and rubbed hard till the gasoline evaporates. Then sweep clean.

### Use Kites for Fishing.

Kite fishing is one of the latest sports taken up by fishermen on the Pacific coast. According to Popular Science Monthly, a fine corbina "hole" has been discovered at Seal Beach, off the pier, just far enough to be out of reach of the best casters. Instead of employing boats the fishermen find it greater sport to use kites, which carry the lines out to the desired spot.

### Testing Times.

When everything is dark, that is the time to have faith in the light, to look forward steadfastly toward the dawn. The worst moments of doubt, of darkness in the soul, asserts a writer, can become priceless moments of testing and of development, if a man uses them rightly and learns their lesson.

### Founding of Moscow.

It was on the site of the Kremlin, now the center of the city, that Moscow was founded by Yuri Dolgoruki, Prince of Kiev, in 1147, although historians believe a village existed on the heights above the River Moskov even before the advent of Dolgoruki. Within a century the new village entered into the turmoil of Slavic wars then raging.

### Cleaning Photographs.

Dirty photographs are so unsightly that you will be glad to know that there is a way to clean them. Moisten a soft cloth with warm water to which a little ammonia has been added; wring the cloth out well and wipe the photographs very lightly, drying them immediately with a soft, dry cloth.

### The Automobilist.

The man in front drives like mad all day, and the ladies sit still and look at the scenery. Man at the wheel has no time for that. When they stop for the night, he's too tired for conversation.—Atlantic.

### How Butchers Sharpened Knives.

In the sepulchers at Thebes, Egypt, butchers are represented as sharpening their knives on a round bar of metal attached to their aprons, which from its blue color is supposed to be iron.

### Mr. Fortune Hunter.

A lucky man on being asked how it felt to be engaged to a great heiress replied: "Fine! Every time I kiss her I feel as if I were clipping a coupon off a government bond."

### Would Change the Theme.

Doris' mamma was reading a sad story to her when Doris said: "O! mamma, read the funnies until I get the frog out of my throat."

### Battery Gives Boiling Heat.

A battery invented by a French electrician is claimed to give six times the usual current by heating its contents to the boiling point.

### An Efficient Individual.

Bacon—"They say Crimsonbeak does everything well." Egbert—"How about his lying?" "That's the best thing he does."

### Teaspoons From Cotton Fiber.

Cheap teaspoons have been manufactured from compressed cotton fiber.

### Many Big Assignments.

In a single year, his brother says, Richard Harding Davis reported the coronation at Moscow, the millennial celebration at Budapest, the Spanish-Cuban war, the McKinley inauguration, the Greek-Turkish war and the queen's jubilee. And the number of titles of his books on a fly leaf numbers exactly 29. Also he always had time for a little nonsense now and then—as when he organized a relief expedition to rescue John Drew from Harlem.

### Not So Fierce.

The class had been studying about the house fly, says Good Health, and the teacher had made much of the danger with which the germ-carrying habits of the insect threaten the public health. The lesson sank deep into the mind of little George, who later was asked to write a composition on the subject. "The fly is a insec," he wrote with difficulty; "he has six legs, he is more dangerous than a lion, but I had rather a fly would bite me than a lion."

### His Business

Robert Louis Stevenson, who is best known to children through his "Child's Garden of Verse," was always fond of animals, and very kind to them, and one time he made a very neat, little retort to a man who was beating his dog. When Stevenson interfered, the man asked, gruffly, "Well, what business is it of yours? He ain't your dog." "No, but he's God's dog," Stevenson declared, stoutly, "and I'm here to protect him!" And he did.

### Blessings.

There is a blessing on limitation—a blessing proper to the time in which we have to learn. Our present blindness may be only the condition of full sight beyond. So the dragon-fly must spend blind days beneath the water before it can mature bright wings for the sunlit air. Our not-seeing is for education. We do not, if we are wise, trouble the infant class with the higher problems of the school.—Exchange.

### Quick to Catch On.

Edward had an uncle who owned a grocery and market. On Saturdays it was Edward's delight to go there to help. On this particular day a neighbor chanced in. Finding Edward there, she thought she would find out how much the little fellow knew about business. Seriously she said, "Ed, have you chickens today?" The youngster's reply was: "Yep, we have all kinds alive, dead, dressed and undressed."

### Question of Certainty.

"Quite a number of persons have asked me of late if my niece is going to marry a certain young man," admitted the Old Codger. "I have been obliged to tell them that she is and she isn't. You see, while she is certain that she is going to marry him, he will be an uncertain young man until after it has happened to him."

### Maintaining Order in China.

In China every member of a family is responsible for order in that family and every inhabitant of a city is jointly responsible with every other citizen for its tranquility. If a younger son in a family should commit a crime, the older son is likely to be taken into custody for the offense and, perhaps punished.

### Leaves Baby in Sand.

In Africa when a mother gets tired of carrying her baby in the leather bag slung on her back, she digs a hole in the sand under some shady bush and leaves the baby in it till she is ready to take him again. So declare travelers from that continent of strange peoples and strange customs.

### To Investigate Leprosy.

The Japanese government is making a thorough investigation of leprosy throughout Japan. Complete segregation of all the lepers on some island off the coast and the separation of the children from leprous parents is being considered by the government.

### Slender Type Increasing.

The slender type of person is said to be more susceptible to disease than the heavier, and an investigation shows that 50 years ago only 20 per cent of the people were of the slender type; today 60 per cent are of this type.

### Voltage in Thinking.

Now somebody advertises that he can increase one's vocabulary. Well, don't do it. What humanity needs is greater voltage in its thinking machinery and less honking on the part of its vociferator.—Houston Post.

### The First Waving Flags.

Waving flags are said to have been first brought to Spain by the Saracens. The present Spanish colors, red and yellow, came from the old shields of Castile and Aragon.

### Perhaps He Wonders, Too.

Another thing—why does the kind of man who marries for a home pick out a wife who is always afraid she will miss a new film?—Galveston News.

### Not a Conveyance.

"Officer, if I stay on this street will it take me to the public library?" "Yis mum. But not unless ye kape movin' mum."

### To Remove Insects.

Insects sometimes crawl into the ear and cause pain. The best way to remove the offender is to pour a few drops of sweet or olive oil into the ear to clog the wings and stop their fluttering; then, with great care, syringe the ear with warm water, holding the bowl under the ear so that it will press the ear gently back, while the sufferer's head should incline a little over the bowl. After the insect is removed, saturate a bit of cotton with the oil and insert in the ear, to remain for a day.

### Russian Floors.

The finest floors are said to be seen in Russian houses. For those of the highest grade, tropical woods are exclusively employed. Fir and pine are never used, as in consequence of their sticky character they attract and retain dust and dirt, and thereby soon become blackened. Pitch pine, too, is likely to shrink, even after being well seasoned. The mosaic wood floors in Russia are often of extraordinary beauty.

### Ben Davis Origin Unknown.

The Ben Davis is sometimes thought to have originated in Indiana, but horticultural writers say its origin may never be known. It is supposed to have come into the world about the middle of the last century. It was well known in Civil war times, and it is related that it migrated westward from Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. It yields well in a vast territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

### For Tried Directions.

A pattern album is useful to the woman who does much crocheting and knitting. As far as possible a sample of each piece worked is fastened into a large blank book, with the directions written beneath or opposite. A note of any improvements that the worker finds might be made is a useful addition to the directions. Such a book would prove a valuable gift.

### Portrait of Wesley.

The portrait of John Wesley is now in the possession of an art collector in Philadelphia. The picture is one of the finest that came from the brush of the famous George Romney. In this connection it is interesting to note that for the portrait, measuring 30 inches by 24 inches, and its frame, the artist charged but 40 pounds.

### Cause of Rainfall.

Rainfalls are governed by the law of repartition of the temperatures in the atmosphere, and to break the equilibrium and bring about rain requires so great an energy as cannot be attributed to such a feeble cause as that determined by the local vibrations produced even by the most intense firing of cannon.

### Musical Stones.

Walter B. Smith of Bangor, Me., has dug from the river bank musical stones which are thought to have been fashioned by prehistoric man. These stones are from one and a half to two inches thick and from eight to twelve inches long. When struck they emit musical tones.

### Peanut Hay as a Forage.

The peanut produces not only food for man but grain and forage for stock. Peanut hay is equal to clover and alfalfa as a forage, while hogs are fattened on the nuts which they harvest themselves, making as high as 400 pounds of meat to the acre.

### Prehistoric Man Found.

The remains of a prehistoric man have been found near Mexico City buried under three meters of volcanic lava. It is supposed they are at least 10,000 years old as the oldest records of Mexico make no mention of an eruption of the volcano Ajusco.

### Value of Concentration.

Concentration is the most desirable of mental faculties. It is the power of paying attention to the thing and person in hand. It is an investment that yields large dividends, including that of fascination.

### Not Always.

It is easy for some women to love their husbands when they have money and can support their wives well. When money fails, love grows hard.—Milwaukee Journal.

### Salt to Clean Dress.

Clean soiled light cloth garments by rubbing them with hot salt. Afterward brush well with a clean brush and dampen and press if necessary.

### Presence Not Vital.

Cholly (keeping an appointment)—"I'm a bit too early, am I not?" Ethel (sweetly)—"Yes. We were just leaving without you!"—Life.

### Ancient Olives.

Eight of the olive trees in the historic Garden of Olives, near Jerusalem, are believed to be over 1,000 years old.

### Daily Thought.

Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck the flower, safety.—Shakespeare.

### Optimistic Thought.

Those who lose today may win tomorrow.


# FATIGUE NEARLY OVERCOMES WOMAN

"Bringing up several children in the right way and cares of home brought me to the verge of nervous prostration," says a well known woman. "Fearing that I might become ill and have to give up housework and the care of my little ones, created a nightmare that was ever before me. I happened to mention my affliction to one of my neighbors and she advised me to procure some Phosphated Iron. A day or two later when I was feeling unusually miserable I sent my daughter to the drug store for a box of the capsules and after ten days' treatment I felt like a different person altogether. I sleep well at night, something I hadn't done in months before; my appetite is good and in fact what formerly seemed like mountains of work in my home is now more like play. An aunt of mine living over East has been taking Phosphated Iron with equally gratifying results."

Phosphated Iron is put up in capsules only. In this locality it can be obtained at W. F. Hennings the druggist and leading druggists everywhere.

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When you are wearied from over work, feel listless and languid, can't sleep or eat as you should, you are getting run-down—an easy prey to dangerous disease germs. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea—nature's herbs—should be taken without delay. Hennings Drug Store

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All $2 ties $1.50. R. O. Vetter. 176-t1

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PENNSYLVANIA FATHER HELPING ALL HE CAN

"Two of my sons are in the war. I am doing all I can to help my country, as well as Mary's Wonderful Remedy, which I can thank for my present good health. I suffered 5 years with most serious stomach trouble and bloating. Am recommending it to all sufferers." It is a simple, harmless preparation that remove the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Pipers Pharmacy, Carroll's Pharmacy.

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Bowels clogged, sick headache, no fun is it? Why not have hat happy face, red cheeks that come with good digestion? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes the bowels work regular, natural—makes you feel like new. Take it tonight. Hennings Drug Store.

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All $1.50 ties $1.00. R. O. Vetter 176-t1


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A number of Charleroi people attended a surprise party that was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Province of Donora in honor of their sixth wedding anniversary. The honored couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

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The Teuton in Belgium and the Turk in Armenia will be remembered throughout all time as the successful rivals of the Hun of ages gone.

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One lot hats value to $4 for $1.50 at R. O. Vetter's. 176-t1

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Isreal Davris of Fairchance was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Franks


# BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c


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All suits and overcoats 1-3 off. R. O. Vetter. 176-t1


## NOTICE

If you are in the market for a house call and get our sale list. We have the house that will make you money.

If you want auto license we will get them for you or do your Notary work.

**I. P. HEPLER**
**411 Fallowfield Avenue**
**CHARLEROI, PA.**

# JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

## Women's and Misses' Suits

Values up to $30 **$19.75**

One special lot, all this season's styles. Beautifully made, perfectly sized and in every wanted fabric and color. Nearly 50 different models to select from.

## PLUSH COATS REDUCED TO

**$19.25, $22.50, $27.50, $39.25**

Values up to $50. Forty-eight beautiful Plush Coats and every one different. Made of the finest quality plush with large self or fur collars. Many trimmed with wide band of fur on cuffs and bottom of coat.

## WOMENS AND MISSES' Coats REDUCED TO $12.75, $17.50, $22.50

Fifty Beautiful Coats, including every garment in stock that originally sold up to and including $30. All the wonderful quality always found in our garments are contained in these. Ever wanted collar—large collar—and belted styles—wonderfully warm, fine garments. We cannot begin to replace these at anywhere near these prices, but our policy of complete new stocks for every season does not allow us to carry any goods over to another season. Buy them now at these tremendously low prices.

**$35 to $39.25 Coats Reduced to $29.75. $45 Coats Reduced to $35**

### Women's Sweaters
Values up to $11.00
**$5.98**

One big table filled with the finest sweaters you ever saw, including many of the extra heavy Shaker knit, all with the popular roll collars, and in red, navy, gray, white, green, rose and garnet, all sizes. Extra fine warm qualities. Very unusual values. (Main Floor)

**One lot of Children's Sweaters Reduced to $1.29**

TWENTY DOZEN
**Corset Covers 30c each**

Pretty lace or embroidery trimmed corset covers made of good quality muslin, well made and perfectly sized. Could not be duplicated at less than 39c to 50c today if we had to go to the manufacturers for them. All sizes, 36 to 44. Clearance sale price while they last 30c each.

PRINCESS SLIPS One lot slightly soiled and mussed, values up to $2.50. Clearance sale price $1.29

### 200 Pair Extra Strong WORK PANTS for MEN. Clearance price $1.48

Really a surprise value. Such pants cannot be obtained to-day at wholesale at the price we offer them. Strong, sturdy qualities that wear like iron and are also neat in appearance. All sizes and a big variety of good desirable patterns to select from.

## Men's Suits & Overcoats

**$9.75 $14.75 $19.75**

Values up to and including $30. The great opportunity of the year. With all prices rapidly advancing your opportunity of securing fine quality suits and coats at wonderful savings is now such as you will not have again in many years.

## BARGAIN BASEMENT

Tremendous Values that Startle the Imagination

### Three Hundred Women's and Misses' Coats, Suits & Dresses

**$1.95 $2.95 $3.98 $5.95**

Garments that originally sold at from $10 to $25. There are fine serges, broadcloths and mixed suitings and coatings. Every color is represented, as well as black. There are nearly all sizes—a few may be missing. These consist of just odd garments collected in our regular stocks from time to time, and while many are not just up to the minute styles they furnish wonderful quality material for making over into other garments, especially for children's wear.

**Children's Rompers**
**19c**

Made of plain blue, tan or white chambray. Limited quantity, only for ages 1 to 2 years.

### Boys' Suits
Values up to $10
**$3.95**
**$5.95**

Two hundred of the finest boys' suits you ever saw, strong, sturdy, long wearing kinds, in dozens of different designs, for dress as well as every day wear. Sizes 8 to 16 years. They cannot be duplicated today for twice and more than twice these clearance prices.

**We Discontinue Trading Stamps after Jan. 31st. Fill your books this month and take advantage of the great savings offered in our Great January Clearance Sale.**

# J. W. BERRYMAN & SON
Charleroi's Busy Store


## NORTH CHARLEROI

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn of Marianna, are guests of Mrs. I. G. Zollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bane and daughter Mildred were guests of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Bane of Fredericktown.

Miss Hazel Hazlett is ill at her home with tonsilitis.

Mrs. Kreger and children of Monessen are guests of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arner and son have returned to their home in Tarentum after spending a few days with Mrs. Arner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harsha.

Miss Anna Kramer of Greensboro is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Kramer.

Mrs. Lillian Bradley was a visitor in Pittsburg.

Mrs. George Anderson and niece, Miss Merl Franks attended a party at the home of Mrs. Will in Monessen.

Jesse Baldwin spent a day in Pittsburg.

### LADY MACCABEES INSTALL OFFICERS

At the regular meeting Thursday evening the local chapter of the Ladies of Maccabee installed officers for the current year. Those installed were Commander, Laura M. Ferry; Lieut Commander, Margaret T. Dailey; past Commander, Minnie McCoy; record keeper, Martha Wilson; finlain, Anna Critzer; lady at arms, Margaret Garrigan; sergeant, Ella Jones; sentinel, Lena Sedgion; picket Clara Dorrycott; musician Julia Sullivan; captain of guard, Nora Riley. At the close of the installation Margaret Dunkerly the installing officer in behalf of the members of the chapter presented a well filld purse to Margaret Garrigan who is now starting on her eleventh year as an office holder of the lodge. A social hour followed, during which lunch

## FOOD THE SOLDIER REQUIRES

**Twelve Ounces of Meat or Its Equivalent, Fruits, Fat, Bread or Cereal, Sugar or Sirup.**

The general knows to a nicety just what part each regiment is to play in a campaign, and the girl may learn to understand the foods represented in the five great groups so that she knows just which group of foods will provide strong muscles to carry the soldier into battle, which will furnish strong bones to meet the onslaught, which the heat for the struggle, and finally, how much driving-power is needed to carry it through, according to Winifred Stuart Gibbs in St. Nicholas.

So, then, when we marshal our forces we find that a man needs in a day 12 ounces of one, or of a combination, of the following: Meat, poultry, cheese, dried vegetables, fish or eggs. To vary the above he may count every glass of milk drunk equal to an ounce of any one of the others.

The soldiers, either in home or military life, must have four pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables in order to keep the bony structure in good condition. He will need the three-quarters of a cupful of fat (this includes butter, oil, the fat of meat as well, or any other fat in the daily diet) to keep him warm, and to this group he must add one and one-fourth pounds of bread or cereal; and finally, in order to complete the necessary amount of driving-power, he must have two ounces of sugar or one-third of a cupful of sirup.

## DEPORTING A WHOLE NATION

**Kaiser, in Action Toward Belgium, Is Partly Following Style First Set by King Sargon.**

Only a few years ago, comparatively, the great King Sargon was held by critics to be a biblical myth, a monarch who never ruled Assyria, but excavations in that ancient land confounded the alleged historical experts, says the Newark News. And now comes along no less an authority than John Dyneley Prince, former statesman of New Jersey, master of some twenty ancient and modern tongues, and head of a department in Columbia university, calling attention to the fact that Sargon first set the style of deporting a whole nation that is being partly followed by the kaiser in Belgium.

It was some 2,600 years ago that Sargon carried the ten tribes of Israel out of the promised land and filled up their country with Arabs and tribes from northern Asia Minor, and he did such a good job that the Jews never came back. History, however, does not always 'repeat itself,' as witness the return from captivity of the Jews released from Babylonia through Cyrus the Persian.

## KAISER'S BIRTH CAUSED JOY

**Queen Victoria, Upon Receipt of Telegram Announcing Tidings, Could Not Maintain Usual Dignity.**

Anecdotes about the royal family are usually rather flat, but here is a good story of Queen Victoria, relates a correspondent, the ironic and terrible commentary on which she mercifully did not live to see:

"The queen, whom we had so lately parted from in calm dignity, was flying with the eagerness of a young girl, and so rapid was her movement, and so joyous her expression, it was plain that her suite had much difficulty in keeping pace with her speed. Catching sight of a friend in the distance, as she came up the long room, she suddenly waved aloft a telegram form that she was holding in her hand, and called out in triumphant tones, unheeding the shocked expression of her attendants at such unconventionality: 'Lady Login! Lady Login! I am a grandmother!'"

Such was the welcome given to the English queen's first grandchild—Kaiser Wilhelm II.

## Classified

FOR SALE—A twelve room house with a six room house in rear. Rents for $52 per month. $3700. Peoples Realty Company. 166-tf

FOR SALE—Barber shop with three chairs. Inquire 1011 Fallowfield avenue. 171-t6-p

FOR SALE—$600 Player piano, mahogany case, just like new. Only used a short time. Will sell to quick buyer at big sacrifice, 50 rolls music and bench. Address 82 Charleroi Mail. 174-t4p

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. 101 Fallowfield avenue. 164-tf

FOR RENT—Automobile stall located at Second street. Inquire of C. E. Lancaster, 210 Lookout avenue. Bell Phone 2J. 1s5-t3p

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire at 213 Washington Ave. 175-t3

FOR RENT—Furnished room for one or two men. 611 Washington avenue. 176-t3p

WANTED—Men between 21 and 50 years for conductors and motormen. Apply 9 a. m. to 12 room 8 Bank of Charleroi Building. 167-t12

WANTED—Girl for general house work. One who can go home at night. Address 81 Mail office. 172tf

WANTED—General office work by young lady. Address 83 Mail office. 175-t3p

WANTED—One or two furnished rooms with private bath. Inquire 84 Mail office. 175t3p

WANTED—Young lady for grocery clerk. One with experience preferred but not necessarily. Good pay and a steady position. Make application in own handwriting to 85 Mail office. 176-t2

WANTED—Young man to drive light delivery truck. Steady work and good pay to right party. Make application by letter to 85 Mail office. 176-t2

WANTED—Truck driver, experienced on White truck. Must be capable of doing running repair work. Apply to the Gulf Refining Company, Donora, Pa. 176-t3

WANTED—General housework. Private family preferred. Address P. O. Box 852 W. Brownsville. 1s6t2p

Found—1918 Truck license plate. Owner may have same by calling at Mail office and paying for this advertisement. 174-tf

### Warning.

Owing to electrolys eating through our pipes and the ground being frozen to a much greater depth than usual escaping gas is likely to get into sewers. All persons are warned to be especially careful about having fires or lighting matches in cellars or wherever escaping gas is detected. In case any odor of gas is detected, the gas should be shut off at the meter immediately, extinguish all fires and lights, air out the premises and notify the gas company at once.

Greensboro Gas Company.
171-t6

### Notice to Taxpayers

State and County taxes can be paid to Fred W. Brady Deputy Collector until February 1st after which he will file leins. 170-tf


## NOTICE

The constantly rising prices prohibits the continuance of our past policy of giving premium tickets and in order that you may receive the best merchandise at the lowest possible price consistent with quality, this store on and after

**February 1st, 1918**

will discontinue the giving of the aforementioned Premium Tickets.

All tickets now held or received up to February 1st will be redeemed after then at their proportionate value.

## EUGENE FAU,

Charleroi Pennsylvania

# Everybody Interested

Winning the War is uppermost in the minds of the People Next comes the high cost of living. You can help win the war and at thesame time reduce your daily expense by conservative buying. Study our price list as published below before making purchases:

## Special for Saturday

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| Our special blend coffe, lb | 21c | Peeks Tea 25c size | 18c |
| Our special large bean coffee lb | 25c | Peeks Tea 10c size | 08c |
| Our special Daisy blend lb | 18c | Penford ffMolasses per can | 10c |
| Corn Puffs per pkg | 13c | Preserves (loose) per lb | 25c |
| Rolled Oats per pkg | 10c | Fish Flakes per can | 8c |
| Foulds Macaroni per pkg | 10c | Soap P wder per pkg | 5c |
| Baurs Pancake flour | 13c | Goblin Soap per cake | 5c |
| Baurs Buckwheat flour | 13c | Blueing per bottle | 10c |
| Apples per pk | 35c | White Rose Tea per pkg | 10c |
| Croft & Reed Cocoa 25c size) jar | 18c | Brunena Biscuits per pkg | 7c |
| Lennox Soap per cake | 5c | Acme Metal Polish per can | 8c |
| Krumbles per pkg | 9c | Red Seal Lye per can | 10c |
| Peaches large size per can | 18c | Sportless cleanser can 5c, 6 for | 25c |
| Pears Large size per can | 18c | Sal Soda per pkg | 4c |
| Satisfaction Coffee per lb | 23c | Sauer Kraut per lb | 10c |
| Mothhers Coffee per lb | 23c | Dill pickles( large) 2 for | 10c |
| Turnips per 1-4 pk | 10c | Blue Ribbon Coffee per lb | 25c |
| Jelly per glass | 10c | Red Kidney Beans per can | 12c |
| Vinegar per jar | 13c | Monarch Baked Beans per can | 15c |
| | | Cocoanuts each | 10c |

## E. E. Doerzbacher

414 Fallowfield Avenue — Both Phones

## ORRINE SAVED HIM FROM DRINK

This scientific preparation promptly kills all desire for whiskey, beer and other intoxicants. It can be given in the home secretly without loss of time from work. No sanitarium expense.

We are so sure that Orrine will benefit that we say to you, if, after a trial you fail to get any benefit from its use, your money will be refunded. Costs only $1.00 a box. Ask us for free booklet telling all about Orrine.

Pipers Pharmacy, corner Fifth St., and Fallowfield avenue. 1

**WHEN WEAK OR RUN DOWN**

by chronic or acute throat and lung troubles which often decrease efficiency and menace life itself, try

**ECKMAN'S ALTERATIVE**

This is a Calcium preparation possessed of marked tonic value in addition to its remedial qualities. Contains no Alcohol, Narcotic or Habit-Forming Drug. $2 size, now $1.50. $1 size, now 80c. Price includes war tax. All druggists. Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia.

### FOR SALE

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| 3 houses Lincoln Ave, all for | $4700 |
| 4 room house Lincoln avenue | $3000 |
| 3 houses Oakland avenue | $2600 |
| 6 room house McKean avenue | $2800 |
| 5 room house Lock No. 4 | $3600 |
| 5 room house Lock No. 4 | $2700 |
| 5 room house Crest avenue | $2800 |
| One lot near new mill | $1800 |
| 18 room house Lookout avenue | $4500 |

### FOR RENT

One store room, good location.

**A. L. DUBINSKY**

413 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa

TRY A CLASSIFIED WANT AD

## Do you ever have the "blues"?

That discouraged feeling often comes from a disordered stomach, or an inactive liver. Get your digestion in shape and the bile acting properly—then the "blues" will disappear. You will soon be cheerful, if you take

**BEECHAM'S PILLS**

the people's remedy for life's common ailments. They act thoroughly on the stomach, liver and bowels, and soon regulate and strengthen these important organs. Purely vegetable—contain no harmful drugs. Whenever you feel despondent a few doses will

**Make Things look Brighter**

Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

### Razor Strop Rhymesters.

The dearth of barbers has forced a good many men to shave themselves who, before the war, regarded even a safety razor as a fearsome and dangerous implement.

There is a kind of moral satisfaction in shaving one's self which is induced by no other toilet function. I know a verse writer of some distinction, observes a writer in the London Chronicle, who asserts that his happiest rhyming feats always come to him with the rhythmic sweep of the lather brush and the razor—not a safety.

And our novelists, particularly the Victorian ones, are fond of the dressing gown and shaving dishabille of their heroes.

The most remarkable barber in English literature is Thackeray's Mr. Eglantine, whose affection for "The Ravenswing" was inspired by the glories of that young woman's hair.

### Opening of Suez Canal.

"It cannot be made, it shall not be made, it will not be made; but if it were made, there would be a war between England and France for the possession of Egypt." So said Lord Palmerston, in 1851, with regard to the then proposed Suez canal.

Nevertheless the forty-eighth anniversary of the inauguration of the forbidden waterway has passed, writes a London correspondent. The first fleet, consisting of 40 vessels, passed through next day, on November 17, 1869. The greatest draught was only 16 feet. How many of those who participated in the inauguration survive? Former Princess Eugenie is one.

### Food for the Dog.

Meat is the natural diet of the wild dog and should be an important item in the sporting dog's diet, observes Outing. So long as it is untainted it makes little difference whether it is horse, beef or mutton, but pork is not so good, and any quantities of fat should not be fed. Generally it is best to cook the meat in a sort of stew with vegetables mixed, but occasionally a dinner of raw lean meat is a welcome change and serves as a tonic and mild laxative. During the hunting season it is a mighty good Sunday dinner for the shooting dog.

### His Sacrifices.

"Are you reducing your expenses, Bill?" "Indeed I am. A man can't stand this high cost of living on the salary he gets. I've cut out the wife's weekly matinee, countermanded her new suit, discharged the nurse, made the kids give up moving pictures and ice cream, stopped the high-price milk for the baby and chloroformed the cat to save its living expenses. But if this sort of thing keeps on I may have to stop buying cigars and stop my club dues."

### A Race of Cripples.

The military medical authorities have examined our citizens by the thousands. The results of this examination in many instances: writes Benard Macfadden, in Physical Culture, have been as follows:

Out of every five examined, one is considered sound. The other four are cripples. Some part of their internal organisms is affected. The heart, stomach, lungs, kidneys or some other vital organ or function is crippled.

For generations the blind have been leading the blind.

The physical body is of no special importance. The house in which we live needs no special attention. It "just grows." No matter how dirty it may be. So long as the dirt does not show on the surface, there is no occasion for complaint or criticism. That has been our attitude.

It is about time for us to change. It is about time for us to give the body its proper appreciation. Learn to respect it, to revere it, to care for it as you would for your most precious possession.

### Make Your Mind Master.

To make your life count you must begin now. The youth who applies himself has the best advantage. But it often happens that bright young folks have to play the fool for a few years to learn the value of opportunities. Some of them never get over it. They are the ones who know it all and resent advice from their betters. But anyone can rise if he wants to. Seize the proper task and see that it's realized. Make your mind master and the result will be to your credit.

### Care for the Crazy.

In the Orient the crazy man is a privileged person, to be tolerated, given food, allowed to go where he will, but never cured. He is supposed to be a peculiarly "holy person." But it is Americans, says World Outlook, who in 1872 founded the first hospital for the insane east of Suez—the Kerr Refuge at Canton, with 500 patients, who come from all classes; here you will find the mandarin, the colonel and beggar. Of them 30 per cent are reported as recovered.

### Persian and African Donkeys.

Two species of the Caucasian donkey hail, the one from Persia, the other from Africa, says a nature student. Persia is also responsible for the proud mountaineers' fondness for chicken: our European ancestors got their roosters at some time during the historic period. Finally the famous Caucasus sheep took one day their departure from the broad plains situated between Persia and the Caspian sea.

### Limestone Continues in Favor.

Pulverized limestone continues to be in favor as a soil sweetener or fertilizer, according to the United States geological survey. Since the figures of production were first compiled in 1911 the industry has steadily increased, and the output for 1916 of 1,066,376 short tons, valued at $1,146,582, represents a gain of 512 per cent in quantity and 460 per cent in value of the six years.

### Almost Like Birds.

It is a little known fact that flying fish encountered in the tropics, actually flap their wings the same as birds. It is commonly supposed that the fish merely volplane, sail, after getting a good start with rapid swimming. The flapping of their wings however, is so easily seen that it can be detected with the naked eye. Also, flying fish are delicious for the table.

### Without Military Honors.

The Sunday school teacher had read the 73d Psalm. "What do you think," she asked a little boy "the words mean, 'I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death!'" The boy paused, and then replied. "Why, teacher, it means that wicked men mustn't have military funerals."

### Nitric Acid From the Air.

French chemists have given very close study to the Serpek method of manufacture of nitric acid from the air. In this process bauxite is used. If this process can be worked out on a satisfactory basis it will connect the nitrate industry with the very important aluminum industry.

### The Real Reason.

An Illinois woman wanted a divorce because her husband snored and talked in his sleep. He's probably one of those exasperating husbands who talks in his sleep just enough to arouse her curiosity, but not enough to tell her where he has been

### Arithmetical Puzzle.

"How old is your sister?" a woman was asked. "Two-thirds of her age," was the answer. "is just five-twelfths of mine, and I am nine years older than she." What was the age of each?

### Staples of Norwegian Wealth.

Fish and timber are the staples of Norwegian wealth. Not a sloop or a steamer navigates the coast but is laden, wholly or partially, with one or the other commodity.

### Rubber Planting in Sumatra.

There are signs of increasing American investments in Batavia. One is a rubber-planting concern in Sumatra, where 50,000 acres have been acquired.

### A Lone Tree.

On Dinis island, in one of the lakes of Killarney, Ireland, is a plane tree which has the reputation of being the only tree of its kind in Ireland.

### Paradoxical.

Gushing Girl (to her friends)—You ought to read that latest story by Chamberton. It's so real, I never saw anything like it.

### Highest in the World.

A man can sometimes learn a great deal by studying the disposition of women—but the tuition comes high.—Exchange.

### So to Speak.

"That lets me out," said the prisoner as the governor signed his pardon.

### Not Necessary.

No wife's relative ever required forcible feeding.—Ohio State Journal.

### John Paul Jones Was Scotch.

John Paul Jones was Scotch by birth and a very enterprising person. During the Revolutionary war he commanded an American privateer and made successful attacks on British commerce. In 1777 the Dutch permitted him to enter their ports with two British ships of war, which he had taken and which the local authorities flatly refused to deliver up. He died at Paris in 1792, and his remains were brought to this country a few years ago for burial.

### Beauty or Ugliness.

Speaking of the personal appearance of Lincoln and other presidents, a Boston lady who has had the honor of an introduction to President Wilson, explains why she was disappointed in his looks. She says: "He isn't homely enough to be handsome and he isn't handsome enough to be attractive." A famous Parisienne once said that next to being the most beautiful woman in Paris, she would prefer to be known as the homeliest. She would then achieve distinction in either case.

### Rats Steal Flatiron.

Some plastering fell from the ceiling of the linen room at the Glenn house recently, says Pittsburgh Dispatch, and Harland Ray secured a ladder and climbed up to knock down the loose plaster remaining. He discovered a rat's nest and in it were three ladies' silk stockings, two perfume bottles and a flatiron, besides numerous other things not mentioned in this inventory. How the rats got the iron there remains a mystery.

### Gave Timely Warning.

Vivian was playing in the lumber that had been piled in the backyard when her mother happened to see her. "Vivian," her mother said, "you mustn't play on that lumber; you are liable to get hurt." Vivian obeyed and was soon interested in something else until Billy came out. He, like boys had to climb up to the top of the lumber. Vivian said: "Billy don't climb up on that lumber 'cause if you do you'll be wearin' crutches."

### Guard Against Evil Spirit.

If a Chinese baby dies the evil spirit when released will enter the body of the next child born. In order to prevent this calamity, says World's Work the parents "tie an egg and some mustard seed to the body of the dead child in the belief that the evil spirit will not appear until the egg hatches and the seed sprouts. The astute parents carefully boil the egg and the seed in order to postpone the date indefinitely."

### Could Be Worse.

The Woman at the Back Door—"It must be a terrible thing to have to go through life without your limb. You must remember, however, that it will be restored to you in the next world." "I know," said the tramp, "it will, mum, but that don't encourage me none. You see, me foot was cut off when I was a baby, and it won't come within a foot of the ground when it's restored."—Puck.

### Had a Slim Chance.

Being firm friends Marie's two lovers decided that one must end his courtship to help the other. When Axel suggested "heads or tails" no coin was at hand. He agreed to the use of Sandy's pockerknife, but was ill prepared for his friend's words as the knife shot upward: "If the knife stays up you win!"

### Remarkable Memory.

In England Samuel Wesley reproduced from memory after a lapse of 25 years an oratorio covering upward of 300 closely written pages which he had composed early in life. He said that he saw the score in his mind's eye as accurately as if it lay before him.

### The Observant Recontour.

Congleby—"When I am telling a man a story I stop short if I see a peculiar gleam in his eye." Mimms—"Does it mean that he has heard it before?" Congleby—"No, it means that he is not listening, because he is thinking of the one he intends to tell me!"

### The Dough That Father Made.

You can announce it that she is the house guest of her parents, or any way they like but it generally means that the bride has ambled back for a little home cooking.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### New Auto Cooling System.

A new cooling system for automobiles is regulated by the quantity of fuel used to operate an engine rather than by the engine's speed, its action being automatic.

### Paying for Poetry.

Poetess—"Do you pay for poetry?" Editor—"Yes, madam. My physician orders me to an expensive rest cure twice a year."—Buffalo Express.

### Doubtful.

For our part, we doubt if there was ever a girl who could carry a broken heart and eat boiled cabbage at the same time.—Galveston News.

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| 15c bottle pickled onions | 10c |
| 25c can of maple syrup | 23c |
| 50c can of maple syrup | 45c |
| 12c can Serv-us Tomato soup | 10c |
| 10c can tomatoes, 3 for | 25c |
| Alice baked beans a can | 15c |
| Heinz baked beans a can | 15c and 21c |
| 20c can of peaches | 18c |
| Steero Bouillon cubes a doz | 25c |
| 12c glass mustard | 10c |
| 25c jar of sour pickles | 20c |
| 50c bottle of red cherries | 40c |
| 18c glass peanut butter | 15c |
| Pancake and buckwheat flour | 12c |
| 25c pkg washing powder | 20c |
| 18c can of apple butter | 15c |
| 35c can of apple butter | 30c |
| 35c jar marshmallow whip | 25c |
| 5c cake Swift's Pride soap, 6 for | 29c |
| 6c cake of Baby Doll soap | 5c |
| Lava soap, a cake | 5c |
| 18c jar preserves | 15c |
| Old fashioned oatmeal lb | 10c |
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